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Fr. Danny Murphy – Trinity Sunday 2019

The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. That sounds kind of hidden, so we'll start with a silly story. Last Sunday, outside our church, one lady complained to another, "I don't understand it, all it takes is one drink, one little drink, to make me drunk!" "Really? Just one?" "Yes, and it's usually the eighth one!" Don't encourage me! The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity! The Trinity is a mystery, right? By definition, we don't understand mystery, so we don't understand the Trinity, right? Well, I am not so sure that the Trinity is all that mysterious. When I was a student in the seminary, the most boring course that I took was the course on the Trinity. What made it boring was that the professor presented the Trinity as only doctrine and dogma. But the Trinity is more than doctrine and dogma. The Trinity is love and relationship. The doctrine, the dogma of the Trinity tells us that the three

persons of God – Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are so in love with each other, are so in relationship with each other, that the three are one. The scriptures tell us that God is love. The church tells us that this God who is love is Trinity – is persons in relationship. Both the scriptures and the church tell us that we are created in the image and likeness of God. So, you and I are created to be like God. God is love, God is persons in relationship. So you and I are created to be people who love, to be people in relationship. When I am in love, when I am in relationship I am happy because I am being what I was created to be. When I am not in love, when I am not in relationship I am not happy because I am not who I was created to be. That is the doctrine, the dogma of the Trinity – it's that simple. Not so mysterious at all, is it? Many years ago, I experienced what the Trinity is all about. I had asked a priest friend of mine if he would like to have dinner. He said he would check his schedule and get back to me. He never got back to me. And I allowed myself to become angry and annoyed and I stewed for several months saying, "I am not going to call him again!" Then a moment of grace came and I did call and we met for dinner. He looked terrible. He told me how sick he has been for the last several months. He told me he had been in a lot of pain. He has been to the doctors and has had x-rays, mris and cat-scans and the whole gamut. I felt so guilty and I should have felt so guilty because I massaged my ego and didn't minister to my friend. Instead of forgiving, I judged. And in those months that I was stewing, I wasn't happy. I wasn't happy because I had severed a relationship. I was trying to be who I wasn't created to be and that always produces unhappiness. The dogma, the

